STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK IN THE UNI Atty Dkt. 2551-28 In re Patent Application of C# NOV 1 3 2000 Group Art Unit: 1648 LOCARNINI et al Serial No. 09/306,420 Examiner: Mosher, M. Date: November 13, 2000 May 6, 1999 Filed: VIRAL VARIANTS AND METHODS FOR DETECTING SAME Title: Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231 TECH CENTER 1500/2900 TECH CENTER 1800/2900 Sir: RESPONSE/AMENDMENT/LETTER This is a response/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes an attachment which is hereby incorporated by reference and the signature below serves as the signature to the attachment in the absence of any other signature thereon. Fees are attached as calculated below: Total effective claims after amendment minus highest number \$ (at least 20) = 18.00 \$ 18.00 previously paid for 32 Х minus highest number Independent claims after amendment 80.00 \$ 80.00 (at least 3) =previously paid for If:proper multiple dependent claims now added for first time, add \$270.00 (ignore improper) 0.00 Retition is hereby made to extend the current due date so as to cover the filing date of this paper and attachment(s) (\$110.00/1 month; \$390.00/2 months; \$890.00/3 months) \$ 110.00 0.00 Terminal disclaimer enclosed, add \$ 110.00 0.00 First/second submission after Final Rejection pursuant to 37 CFR 1.129(a) (\$710.00) Please enter the previously unentered , filed ☐ Submission attached Request for Continued Examination pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 (\$710.00) 0.00 Please enter the previously unentered , filed Required submission attached <u>or</u> Subtotal 208.00 -\$ 0.00 If: "small entity," then enter half (1/2) of subtotal and subtract Statement filed herewith 0.00 Rule 56 Information Disclosure Statement Filing Fee (\$180.00) 0.00 Assignment Recording Fee (\$40.00) 0.00 Other: **TOTAL FEE ENCLOSED** 208.00 The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Account No. 1⁷4-1140. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated September 12, 2000, entry and consideration of the following amendments and remarks are requested; the period for response having been extended up to and including November 13, 2000, by submission of the requisite petition and fee, attached.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

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Amend the specification as follows.

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